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LUCHOWFU CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL

HOFEI, ANHWEI, CHINA.

13/1/47

dearest Grace and all,

Since giving you the GREEN LIGHT in Shanghai to come on out to China in September I have been very very homesick for you all. Before I just had a hopeless attitude about the matter, but now I have hopes of seeing you again.

I returned to Hefei just a week ago tomorrow and brought over 60 pieces of freight with me, all food. Some of it was our share of the Wuhu-Hefei allotment of Surplus food that I wrote to you about some time before. Some was a free gift from UNRRA when they closed up the Regional Office in Wuhu. We never had a storeroom full of foreign goods like this in all of our missionary lives before. We divided fifty-fifty, you and I getting half and Wenona and Lyrel getting half. We had to pay a US dollar a case for the Mission allotment; and of course considerable freight and coolie handling charges from Shanghai and Wuhu, as the case might be. As we opened the cases and divided them up we made out a list for each. Here is what we got for your information:-

1 case canned pumpkin, 1 case laundry soap, 1 cases (14 lbs) bacon, 3 1/2 gal. tins ice cream pd., 12 #2 tins peas, 12 #2 tins spinach, 1 case tomato juice, 4 tins hard candy, 5 #2 tins tomato juice, 1 gal. peanut butter, 1 gal. pineapple juice, 11 tins milk, 5 tins tomato juice, 1 x 5 1/2 lb. corned beef hash, 6 tins pork & gravy, 3 cartons choc. bard, 1 carton cookies, 8 tubes shave cream, 1 case (24 tins) Toddy, 12 lb tin Selah dehydrated apples, 1 carton choc bars, 3 gal. lemon juice, 4 x 2 1/2 lb boned chicken, 2 tins meat and veg, 5 1/2 lb Butterscotch dessert pd., 5 1/2 lb corned beef hash, 8 lbs candy, 25 bars Life Bow soap, 2 tins snap beans, 1 Kremel shampoo, 10 rolls Charms candy, 22 bts. Pts. Apple Juice, 6 ct. tins Tomato Juice, 3 gal. tins Tomato Juice, 24 #2 tins tomato juice, 8 lbs. Veldo Veg. Shortening, 2 Army #3 Menu rations first half, 2 Army #3 Menu rations second half, 3 x 7 lb. American cheese, 4 #2 tins apple sas., 1 gal. chili carn carne, 3 x 7 lbs canned figs in syr., 4 x 2 lb. meat and veg. stew, 6 x 1 lb. orange juice and grape fruit juice, 1 Dr. Lyons tooth pd., 3 gal. meat and veg. hash, 12 #3 tins canned cherries, 1 vasoline hair tonic, 1 Kremel shampoo, 1 lb. brown sugar, 12 #2 tins spinach, 1 tin 19 lbs of coffee, 3 gal. luncheon meat, 3 orange and grape fruit juice, 1 gal. tom. juice, 2 #2 tins apple sas., 1 gal. peaches, 1 gal. unknown, 3 gal. grapefruit juice, 5 apple butter (all spoiled), 3 gals., chile con carne, 2 gals. tom. juice, 10 pork and gravy, 3 x 5 1/2 lb. corned beef hash, 12 tins pork and gravy, 3 tins of luncheon meat, 12 tins beef and veg. stew, 12 #3 tins peaches, 3 x 6 1/2 lb. chile con carne, 1 pkg vanilla tabs.

When Goulters arrive they can buy surplus supplies for themselves from the Church Committee in the Moore Mem. Church in Shanghai and bring it on up with them. This provision is being made for late arrivals who didn't get in on the first allotment. They get it for US\$1.00 per case as we did. Grace Young can do the same. Tell them PDC. Maskells got in on all of our allotments, Marx shared with them as they arrived just as the division was being made in Nanking. But Walter also bought 50 cases more in Shanghai, as a late arrival before he knew he was going to get in on our things.

Bring all you can by baggage and excess baggage rather than freight. All of the trouble folks are having is with freight. Bring me some .22 bullets but no shot gun shells. I bought mine at the Yakima Hardware. The brand was "Western" Super-Y, long range, 22 Long Rifle cartridges. They come 50 to the box. Get 20 boxes if you can. That is half of the allowance for ammunition for sporting guns allowed admission by the customs now.

Stick in as much granulated sugar as you can get your hands on. Notice the lack of sugar in our supplies. Any silk clothes you may have along may be confiscated without remuneration. No games or play equipment like tennis rackets are allowed.

I was in weather here now, as we only the one in the O.R.

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~~HOFEI/ANNWEI/CHINA/~~
SHANGHAI? MARCH 1st, 1947.

Dear Grace,

I finally forced myself to get out of Hofei. It had to be done in order to get out CNRRA allocated out of the godown and on their way to Hofei. So Monday I took Mr. Chang with me and we got a ride on a CNRRA truck to Yu Chi Ko and then ferried across the river.

By personally coming down we contacted the right persons, who therefore took a personal interest in our problem and we got things off yesterday. There were 44 cases and drums of hospital supplies and drugs; and 44 cases and bundles of personal surplus food and Lyrel's freight, so long on the way from New York. We still have Lyrel's bed and 25 more cases of food coming from Nanking to Wuhu to take up later. I hope to arrange for that on my way back next week.

But I was disappointed in finding that my allocation of a 50-bed complete hospital unit plus 50 more beds were not in Wuhu, as I understood, but still in Shanghai; although finally allocated and ordered from Wuhu sent to Wuhu. So UNRRA advised my comint to Shanghai to make the personal contact on this and get it on the way upriver. UNRRA finished their Regional work in Wuhu yesterday and are moving out. They are all foreigners and have had to continually watch and prod the CNRRA Chinese personnell into action.

This morning I met Mr. Cannon, Wuhu UNRRA Regional Director? here in the Shanghai UNRRA office. He has resigned and is flying back to USA Wednesday. Together we had a conference with the UNRRA head of the Health Div. and he will see to it personally that this unit is gotten out of the godown at once and sent to Wuhu. Then Mr. Cannon will write to the Wuhu CNRRA transportation head asking that this be not unloaded and placed in the godown there, but placed directly onto lighters and taken to Yu Chi Ko and sent on its way to us at Hofei.

So by making my trip to Shanghai I accomplished in 15 minutes here what I couldn't do by mail in months. It really might take three or four months to do by mail what we did in 15 min. this morning. For by meeting face to face it becomes a personal matter and not a routine matter to be filed away and perhaps lost in the files for months.

But I am not sure about the xray yet. It has been recommended that one be allocated to Hofei. But there is so much red tape yet to go thru before it is actually on its way, and now UNRRA pushers are to be gone; so no one knows if I ever get it. But from now on it is a matter of continued importuning of those I have now met to keep pushing them into action.

I am now going to look into the Shanghai American School situation while here. So I'll be writing you about that before I leave. I am going to take my Hallicrafter radio back with me this time. That is a hand carrying job all the way over rough roads.

Also I am going to try to collect the \$200.00 (US\$) owing me by Lew Carsons on my trailer. I almost forgot that. He promised me US\$200 on it and then in the heat of the sale of the car forgot the trailer deal. I'll take this in CNC\$ and use it out here so you need know nothing about it for YOUR income tax. It is coming from no reportable Mission source and will be unrecorded. It is a China deal, and Uncle Sammy has no claim on it. Marx is not handing in any income

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tax report and ignoring it altogether because he is our of USA and thinks none is due. Don't quote his name on that or they might want to look into it. But he thinks it is over as soon as he got out of the country.

I saw the Craighills in Wuhu and had lunch with one day. They send you their regards. They have a lovely Hallicrafter like mine and it is so much more efficient than the radio Wenona has. I can now notice the difference after using Wenona's all winter.

I am staying in the Navy Y. The old days are back again. More dorm space available if you don't drop in on them at a rush time as when a big missionary ship is in port.

You can't get rid of US dollar bills in Shanghai now, except at the bank at the legal 12,000 to 1 rate. Travelers checks are no good. Marx thinks that the best advice he can give today, not tomorrow or next month but today, is to bring just what you need for the trip and deposit the rest with the UCMS. Sight drafts are easy to use here at the official rate. No advantage in Express Checks and paying to get them. I don't know how much you are allowed to bring in now; it used to be US\$200 cash. But you are only allowed US\$100 to take out of the country. All passengers arriving are met at the ship before landing and all US\$ are changed for them to CNC at the legal rate before they can disembark.

At the Navy Y today I had to pay CNC\$42,000 for one night's lodging in a dinky little room where you go way down the hall to a common toilet and wash room. That's US\$3.50 per night. I paid \$8500 for breakfast of strong liver and bacon, terrible cereal, and chickory coffee. I paid \$9,000 for lunch of cold meats and salad and real coffee. And that is cheap for Shanghai.

Two days ago I had the pleasure of being on the Allocation Committee for CNRRA-IRC at Wuhu with large amounts of hospital supplies being assigned to the Anhwei hospitals and dispensaries. I had a chance to thus choose a bit and lower amounts on things we already have lots of and increase amounts on things we have little of. Stella represented me on former meetings and of course knew nothing of my needs. So that is how we lost out on much supplies we could have had. But now we have heaps of some things. Huge amounts were sent of some articles and they had to get them out to hospitals whether they needed them or not. Other things more needed came in smaller amounts. But some much needed things came in good quantities, so we will have plenty of most things for years to come. VIZ. I never will have to buy absorbant cotton or iodine, mag. sulph., castor oil, soft soap. I have heaps of supfa drugs, aspirin, boric acid, sulfur pd., salvarsan, bismuth, ether, chloroform, sodium pentathol, and enough atrbrin for malaria for five or more years. I have enough iodine cryst. for an estimated 800 years at the rate we use it. I'll have to use it more and tr. merthiolate less. Can do, but just like the latter better.

At Wuhu I got a chance to buy from the UNRRA PX (store) goods at cost in USA and without duty. I got gum for 2 cents per package, orange juice for 7 cents (US\$) per tin (milk tin size), a case of bottled Applejuice at 10 cents each bot., 1b tin of hard mixed candy for 10 cents each, 30 lbs. of Klim at (99 cents per 5-lb. tin, etc. I got a case of pineapple juice.

I ordered four tennis rackets and tennis balls and a net from Gum "ard. But I'll never get it if they do send it. I now find that all games and athletic equipment is confiscated; no permits given, can't send it back. A new regulation. New regulations are coming out so fast that even the customs men can't keep up with them. So I am going to buy

my tennis stuff now while in Shanghai. Can now get Chinese made stuff at pre-regulation price.
Love, Doug.

"The MOAF have given instructions to CNRPA for shipment of these seeds and asked them to be shipped right away. Six tons of them are to go to Anhwei Province and they have divided the bag numbers up, so that there will be some of each variety. No doubt the Agricultural people in Anhwei will contact you for suggestions on distribution.

"It will also be of interest to you that the two tons of the seed are going to Madame Sun Yat-Sen for her China Welfare projects. We will keep you informed of any further information of interest."

Sincerely yours, John C. Kassebaum,
Agricultural Officer, UNRRA,
370 No. Soochow Road, Shanghai.

Now here is what I want you to do at once, within the hour after you receive this letter. Call Harold Adams up and read this letter from Kassebaum to him. Have him write to Kassebaum and give the packing list of those last 278 bags of seeds. Or at least state the variety. THIS SHOULD BE DONE BY AIRMAIL IMMEDIATELY. Otherwise, this last batch of seeds may be just unused; for no Chinese farmer is going to use valuable land for seed he does not know about. And if it is all sugar beet seed, it may not be used anyway. Chinese farmers are funny that way, and very suspicious of new things, and there is no set up to handle the making of sugar from the beets in these parts. Perhaps they would have to be sent elsewhere if that is what they are.

Also, I am disappointed in the germination tests of these last 6 tons of beet seed. That is a black eye for whoever rushed them onto that ship and charged you freight charges afterwards. Now, the first six tons that Harold personally sacked and tested and turned over to us all tested high in germination tests. These tests were reported to me earlier and also reported in the Shanghai Evening Post & Mercury for everyone to know about.

Harold or you should get this letter off to Kassebaum at once. In replying refer to his letter to me, which was No. 11315 in their files. His address is above.

So after all things may turn out alright for these seeds and the needs of the people in our Hofei district. I hope the results of the distribution and planting will produce food for this area and also introduce new varieties of vegetables here. By what a lot of round-about-business this all has been. But "all's well that ends well".

So I'll get this into the mail now to get it on its way pronto.

Love,

Doug.

Nanyang Y., Shanghai.

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HOFEI, ANHWEI, CHINA.

Mar. 3rd, 1947.

Dear Grace,
I got my 50-bed hospital located and probably soon on its way. But I'm not so sure of the X-ray. That may or may not be allocated. If MURRQ was staying on I got it. But without them to find CRRQ. — it's doubtful, but possible.

Sunday I attended Community Church & had lunch with Grace Law after wards, & then took a taxi back to my office with my radio & other stuff left there. Hurray!! I found my microscope that I had asked you to look for. It was in this stuff.

Today, Wednesday, I visited the S. A. S. Campus & called on Principal Little. He had your last year's application. I renewed it giving Grade 10 & 11 for Mary & Ruth respectively. But I couldn't give their birthdays.

I feel satisfied with the set up there now, as to faculty, food, doctor & nurse, athletics, social life, etc. I am ready to say, come on out, arriving the last of August or better the middle of September.

I got permission for you & I to make the School our headquarters from your arrival until we leave together for Hofei, having settled the girls.

Mrs. Han is manager of the kitchen. She is the Swiss lady that married a Chinese officer, who was living with the hospital folks in Wuhan while her husband was at war. I think he was killed. She has 2 "Chinese" children. I called on her today. (halt)

Geo. Cherryhomes is down from Chuchow to meet his wife's ship, due in ~~to-morrow~~ Wednesday. They are going to try to get her to Peking for language school, but air is about the only way to get there now - the Communists are blowing the railroad up almost daily. So she may have to start in with a private teacher at Chuchow.

I advised against sending these young folks to Chuchow alone, but they voted to do so anyway. Geo. has been up there alone and sick most of the time with Amoebic dysentery. He still tried to work & bore repairs hard, by setting the example to the work men himself. A mistake. He should have been in bed.

Geo. is getting in a little bad by "knowing it all" and doing things without authority or advice of older missionaries. But he will have to learn like the rest of us. Only most of us learn to keep our ears & eyes open to learn the first few years. Geo. has all the answers already.

I've gotten in three movies already. I was starved for entertainment. I saw "The Bandit of Sherwood Forest" (Robin-hood's son), "The Brick Wore Boots",

Laurel & Hardy in "The Bullfighter". I am getting passport pictures so I can get my Policy Permit to get out of town. The Chinese cannot make many imitating things apart from permits & regulations from the Japs. But cannot very few good stunts. You have to have your passport with you wherever you go; also a policy permit with your pictures on it.

So come out with a dozen small pictures each, singles, about this size or a bit larger. You need now to renew your passport & perhaps Chinese visa; stand all over again on injections. Typhoid, Cholera, Plague, Typhus, Diphtheria, Small pox. Better start in about May - leaving Cholera for the last. Love

This size or a bit larger.

P. Q. Marx says the Mission will pay all school costs here. We get only a living allowance which does not allow for insurance, schooling etc. So they pay it. (Tuition, Board & Room)

Ylin is the tentative rates for S.A.S. charges:
US\$ 32.00 tuition 1st child
256 " 2nd "
Fin both \$576 " per year.
Board & room each is now US\$ 61.50 Probably more as the month passes. cost \$180 per month from 2 girls.

429 Webster St.,
San Francisco, Calif.
March 3rd, 1947.

Dear Wenona and Lyrel;

I will start this letter and then wait for a few days before I mail it. Hoping that I will hear from Mr. Higdon. I wrote him 2 weeks ago about when I was to think about getting ready to start back to China but he has been out of the office and the staff there doesn't seem to think they can answer my questions. However, He is to be there this week so I will be hearing soon.

Gee! but it was good to hear from you girls. And I came so near not getting it. The post office here has a very funny custom. After one moves from an address they will forward your mail for about one month and then they don't until you send them another notification. My sister had a feeling that she should send in another and then came several letters including this from you girls. I do not know how many letters I have missed getting.

It is good to know that you folk over there think that I will really be of any use in the hospital. Some times I have wondered if I have what it takes to go through what you folk are going through. I have thought of you every day. I know that you have been so cold at times. And here I am living in a sunny room and have been very comfortable with only a small gas burner. From what we hear of the cold in parts of America these days I think that we have had the most pleasant of any place. In fact we have not had enough rain for the good of the crops.

There, we have just heard President Truman on the radio from Mexico. He is down there on a good will tour.

I am glad Wenona that you suggested not bringing very much out with me this term. That was just what I was wanting to do but then again I wanted to bring my share of the essentials. I will try to get there with a good bed for I know that this old lady needs the best rest that she can get every night. I think to that it will be better not to try to have the third household while things are so expensive. I have been trying to get enough shoes, stockings and warm things ready to take with me. It has been very hard to get shoes for I must have a certain kind now that my feet are not as faithful to me as they used to be. The last time I went to China I did not take many shoes with me thinking that I likely wouldn't be staying very long but I had no idea that I would be going around to India. In India I had to wear shoes that were made by the shoe men in the shops and it was just impossible to get a proper fit. So my feet got the worst of my stay in India. However, the kind I have now I think will be the best ever. I hope that I have time to get another pair or so before I go. I have 3 new pair besides the pair I am wearing. I must have at least one more pair. Stockings have been ~~have been~~ very hard to get but they are coming in now and there is no more need to worry about them. I already have three pair for you, Wenona, and also the wool to knit the socks. I have been knitting some long stockings for myself. I am working on the second pr. and will make another pr. Then besides these I have some like what I got for you. The ones we get now are not all wool, only half. I will watch and see if I can get some that are warmer. We can get Nylon, silk, rayon by the dozen but it is still hard to get cotton. The other day I got some white cotton mesh at \$1.35 a pr. The tan shade are still \$2. a pr. I found wool and rayon to be cheaper than cotton. We can get almost any thing now in dress goods. Such very pretty rayon jersey. I will be glad to bring you girls any thing that you may need. Don't you need anything, Lyrel?

Lyrel I am so glad that you found good use for the \$14. And you couldn't have used it in a nicer way. My sister had to laugh at the enormous amount of money in Chinese currency. How we wish that their money was worth what it sounds like it should. Well, our own American dollars don't buy much these days.

March 13th.

I surely did not think that it would be this long before I got back to the finishing of this letter.

Two day ago I got the answer to my letter to Mr. Higdon. He is gone from the office so much of the time that sometimes it takes a long time to get an answer.

I hope you folk will not think that I will be letting you down in not coming at the first possible moment. I am not planning to leave here untill sometime in Aug. I got home from India at just the wrong time of year to be able to stay here my 13 months and then to get back to China at a decent time of the year. You see my furlough will not be up until the end of April and then it would take one month to get there and then it is HOT!! So I likely will be coming along with the other Hofei-ites.

I will now have plenty of time to be hearing from you again before I leave. Now girls, if there is any thing that you want me to bring please let me know. I will be glad to do it for you.

I sent your mimeograph, Wenona, with Margaret Cherryhomes I do hope that you get it in O.K. condition. Word has come that Margaret's boat had to be in Quarantine out side Shanghai for two weeks. What a blow for Margaret! The Hubers are to sail for Phillipines tomorrow. At least that was the word they had one week ago. I havent seen them since. I will go down to see them off. They have been doing a lot of speaking around here during their two weeks here in San Francisco. Besides packing and getting ready to go. I am planning to ~~be~~ get my things ready ahead of time, so that I will not have to hurry so at the last. I want to make 2 trips out of the city. One to L.A. to see Mrs. Ogden and ^{Goulders} then I will go up to my brother in Washington. My trunks are stored up there. However, I have plenty of time. When I go to wash. I will go and see Grace, of course.

I must stop chattering to you girls and write to Grace and the Goulders. I have been waiting to write to them after receiving Mr. Higdon's letter. So now is the time.

Will be seeing you all before long.

Best wishes to every one.

Grace Young.

March 5th, 1947.

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HOFEI, ANHWEI, CHINA.

Dear Grace,

Today is the Big Day for George, for his wife arrives on the Marine Lynx this afternoon. He has been sick with amoebic dysentery but is better today.

I will send this by airmail so again wish to tell you about the latest about the Shanghai American School and about coming back to China.

The school is operating satisfactorily, with good scholarship, good board and room, good athletics and social life, and good arrangements for doctor and school nurse. Mrs. Gibbs, the principal's wife, a graduate nurse is in charge of the infirmary.

Also, I have permission for our family to make SAS our headquarters for our stay in Shanghai after your arrival and until we get the girls settled, freight thru customs, and on our way to Hefei.

SO HERE IS YOUR GREEN LIGHT TO GO AHEAD WITH ALL PLANS FOR YOUR RETURN TO CHINA. Try to get sailings that will bring you into port as nearly as possible about the middle of September. School opens about the third week in September. Or at least it did in 1946. So now get your passport renewed, Chinese visas renewed, AND GET YOUR SHOTS STARTED RIGHT AWAY. Leaving cholera for the last one. Cholera, triple typhoid, small pox, plague, typhus, diphtheria. Best to have individual certificates for each shot. They are some of them needed here to leave Shanghai, and others not. They must be exchanged here for Municipal Council inoculation slips, or you get stopped on the street and are given a shot then and there.

Bring a half doz. small passport pictures of each of you, or you'll need to get some taken here upon arrival. They are needed to register your passport at the Amer. Consulate, more for inoculation slip, another for the travel in interior visa to leave Shanghai. I am enclosing my latest, taken last Sunday, for my travel in interior visa, for you to see how I look at 180 lbs. again.

I am getting paid for the sale of my trailer. Lew Carson forgot it. It will bring me US\$200 at CNC12,000 or CNC2400000. I can use that two and a half million. Will start those dressers when I get back to Hefei.

Marx says that the Mission now pays all School expenses, tuition, board and room. Because our salary is only a Living Allowance now, there is no margin for insurance or schooling, so for the time being at least the children must be taken care of just like the adult missionaries' salaries. This is going to put the Mission hard to it to support a missionary staff out here under present high cost conditions. But that is the way it is, and until they conclude that they can't afford to operate out here we have to go on the best we can and keep our staff alive. The All China current budget is only US\$60,000 and US\$11,000 for repairs. To do this right it should be US\$500,000, according to Marx. So we are not doing our job out here as it should be done, in spite of Weesner's remarks that it is "unfortunate" that some of us have initiative enough to try to remedy this failure by getting hold of some other available money to try to patch up their inadequate budget, and do a few of the things that they should be but are unable to pay for. You'd think we were taking food out of some persons mouths to put into our own, rather than just putting it all into Mission projects and buildings, and equipment.

Tuition at SAS US\$320 for first child, US\$256 for second; or \$576 for both. Board and room US\$61.50 (now) per each per month. It will cost the Mission about US\$180 to \$200 per month for our two.

Love,
Doug

March 6th, 1947.

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HOFEI, ANHWEI, CHINA.

Dear Grace,

We certainly are subject to our ups and downs in this missionary business, as we have often said before. This time its "downs" for me. Today I find that my 50-bed hospital unit is not even in Shanghai yet, and very unlikely that I'll receive one for many months to come. So I am going back to Hofei tomorrow and again make-shift for another six months, with 15 army cots and what beds the patients can bring in. But I do have a lot of drugs and supplies to use; so in that way I am better off than I was three months ago. HO HUM!! No beds, no xray, no bedding, for another long stretch. And when I started out on this jaunt to Wuhu I thought all was in Wuhu. Then I came on to Shanghai believing all was here. Now I know the truth, All is allocated to me, but nothing is here. Now with the UNRRA boys going home, no telling what and when I'll get this allocated stuff. Anyway I'm not going to hold my breath till it comes, as I was doing in Hofei before this trip with stuff reportedly at Wuhu already.

I was down to the waterfront all yesterday afternoon with George waiting for the Lynx to come in. Finally they announced that small pox on board was holding it off Woosung indefinitely. This morning at 9 I called the Amer. Pr lines office and they said still not docking. This afternoon I called and they said that it docked at 9 AM. I hope George got there in time. So I missed meeting Mrs. Cherryhomes and helping George unload her and things. Her mother is on board bound for Manila. She can't get off because of the small pox.

I am leaving for Nanking at 7 AM. I have my ticket of a reserved seat train. I have my radio with me. I was supposed to take it to have the short wave code section taken out and get a interior travel permit for it, but decided not to do so. I don't want them to wreck my shortwave part. I'd rather lose the set trying to get it in in good condition than have it dismantled. Another fool regulation--and another to be broken. It is getting more and more impossible to be honest and legal in China. I had a permit for Wenona's before but no one asked to see it. The radio is so well packed no one would know what it was unless it was unwrapped.

I'm going out to get \$2,400,000 cash for my trailer. That will help with extras like your furniture for quite a while. If you want to know what this Chinese money is worth in US money, just drop the three 000 and divide by 12 and you have it. Viz. \$2,400,000 equals US\$200. That is official.

When you come you can bring in American Express checks if you wish. If they demand them on shipboard before landing you can tear them up and still get your money later. But be sure to have the numbers filed safely. Unless I tell you different later, plan on having about US\$500 in American Express checks on you. But things may change and I may have to inform you otherwise soon.

You are coming to China as nearly around the middle of September as you can get sailings. If conditions get impossible so you should not come I will cable you in time to stop you. That is always a possibility with conditions as they are. Things could blow up in two months, and many expect it to do so. So still don't move out of your home until actual sailing time.

I am well. With all of the nice drugs and supplies in Hofei awaiting my return to unpack I am not even too downhearted over the lack of the 50-bed hospital in hand. I got a good Standard Remington typewriter from the mission Army supplies for the hospital because I came to Shanghai. It

will be released later; but I picked it out already.

Lone, Dong.

March 10th, 1947.

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WUHU, ~~Hofei~~/ANHWEI, CHINA.

Dear Grace,

Back in Wuhu again on my way back to Hofei. But I have no beds in prospect. I am going to try and round up some here in Wuhu. CNRRA has given 100 beds to the Provincial Hospital here, and maybe they are not using all of them at this time and maybe I can get CNRRA to ask them to lend some to me until mine arrive, and then return them to them from mine. I am going to bring all the pressure I can to bear on them these next few days.

I have about 40 more cases of food here to take on to Hofei. It is surplus supplies. There are 20 cases that came from Nanking with the things received from UNRRA for all of our Missionaries, our share. Then besides there are 20 cases that were an outright gift to the Wuhu and Hofei missionaries, the left-overs when UNRRA closed up here in Wuhu. The Regional Director, Mr. Cannon, asked that these be given to us, and it was allowed. So we will be pretty well healed for a time. I also have Lyrels 400-lb bed here, to take in with me. I Don't see why she brought out such a huge, clumsy thing. It is an old heirloom. She certainly didn't think about China transportation when she started it on it's way.

Stella has been working much too hard since her return. Today she had a spell, that I am calling a partial stroke until I know more about it. There is no paralysis but she can't make sentences. She is clear as can be, knows everything that goes on, and what we say; but she can't answer except by single words. It may prove to be serious and end her activities. Then she may recover fully and only have to limit her activities and responsibilities.

I have my radio with me, and so far no damage to it. It had some pretty rough bumping on the bus from Nanking today; so I was anxious about it until I got it set up here at Walter's and heard it perk.

I had a nice two days in Nanking; stayed with Mac and Eva in Miss Lyons old house. Eva certainly has made wonderful changes in that place since I saw it ten months ago. It looks like an American home again. I am holding my breath until you arrive and work the same miracle to our Hofei house. She has her electric refrigerator, electric washing machine, Halicrafter radio, electric toaster, electric waffle iron, and fuel oil stove. All are working fine but the oil stove, which is always out of order because of the dirty, watery oil that they have to buy here.

I hope you will bring as much as you can by excess baggage rather than by freight. The baggage can be cleared up in a few days, but the freight takes months. Don't bring food, we have plenty. Declare everything personal effects and/or household goods (USED).

I told you at Shanghai, but it bears repeating--I got the \$200 for my trailer (CNC\$2,400,000). I will use much of it to fix up the house for you.

Again, all travel expense, all the way to Hofei, is paid by the Mission. That was a mistake to have charged you \$303.96 for travel overdraft. And you will get it back sooner or later.

The Mission will pay the girls' tuition and board and room in SAS/
Mar. 11th, I have spent the day trying to run down beds. I have a clue for I found there are forty in the Wuhu CNRRA godown that are not yet allocated. I must wait a day or so until Dr. Sung gets back and ask him to allocate them to me. Also there are thousands of unallocated army blankets there so I should be able to get outfitted for a while. Then to get them to Hofei. Well, I'm going to stay here until I get something and get to take it back with me. That has been the object of my trip, chiefly, so I'm going to be stubborn about it.

Love, Dong,

Hofei, Anhwei, China, March 23rd, 1947.

Dear Grace, I got another "Living Supplement" notice. The one for February was CNC\$40,350. This one for March was for CNC\$47,000. (US\$3.23 and \$3.77) The others got CNC\$1,047,200 as a single missionaries salary and supplement. This is the way they figure it; Cost of Living Index for Feb. and March was 10,000. Exchange is 12,500. We are to receive 55% of the ~~pre-war purchasing power of the US dollar~~ pre war salary, multiplied a figure that takes in the present decreased purchasing power of the US dollar. The index and the exchange figure in on this. So \$30.80 is 55% of the pre war salary. This is this month multiplied by 2.72 giving US\$83.77, which is the ~~55% pre war salary~~ or \$30.80 plus the \$52.97 the living supplement. Now I know that is clear as mud. present

When it comes to paying me they subtract a full ~~pre-war~~ salary, or US\$80.00 from this instead of just the 55%, which is the present salary being given plus a Cost of Living Supplement of \$52.97. So the others are getting US\$83.77 x exchange 12,500 or C\$1,047,200 And I got 83.77 less 80.00 or 3.77 x 12,500 or the large sum of 47,200. It is a case of a formula going haywire under the conditions that I get my Supplement. But it is enough and to spare for those getting full 55% salary plus supplement. I have told Marx that you need all of our salary and still have to draw on savings to make ends meet; and that I can get along on a half of what all the other single missionaries are getting or C\$500,000 to their C\$1,047,200 per month. Maybe I can't do this long for prices are going up with the exchange.

Here are a few more things you should bring with you. Bring your garden tools less the long handles. I wish we had a good light weight lawn mower. We will not be able to keep our yard looking good until we have one. Also get a doxen or more can openers. I had to borrow one from Lyrel as mine all went on the bum.

The Mantle lamps that you sent out by Mrs. Crapershettes have been a big hit. I told you that I had two of the three chimneys broken on the truck from Yu Chi Ko to Hofei, so have only one lamp in operation, and that one I gave to Wenona for her birthday present. So we need three more chimneys for these two lamps. Also Lyrel wants you to bring her another lamp, two chimneys, and mantles. I suggest you bring three or four lamps and chimneys and mantles to match.

Also bring a dozen spare generators for my Coleman lantern, and a dozen for your gasoline iron. We get such dirty gasoline that they get clogged up soon and need replacement. I hope you are making out a list so you won't forget something. I am using my Coleman lantern every night after I turn the engine off at 10:30 PM. I certainly appreciate it. It is about the same cost to operate as a kerosene lamp here now, for coal oil is the more expensive.

Postage rates have gone up with the new exchange rate. An ordinary letter (20 Grams) to USA has gone up from C\$300 to C\$1100, and Air Mail (5 grams) from C\$900 to C\$1700.

Mar. 24th. I have just finished a satisfactory afternoon of surgery with five cases. One an inversion of the uterus on which I did a vaginal hysterectomy, my first. The next was a cautery removal of cancer of the neck; the third was a palstic on a face that was shot away by a conscription officer when this chap tried to run away from him. the fourth was a cast on a T.B. hip; the fifth was a cast applied to the arm after a fracture of the lower end of the humerus was set. I came home and drank a can of tomato juice; had supper with canned peaches for desert. Now I am in my bathroom and talking to you; listening to the Armed Forces Radio Service playing "Buttermilk Sky". When I stop writing to you I am going to read some more of a murder story by Ellery Queen "The Tragedy of Y"

The pink and white flowering peach trees in the triangle in front of the hospital have been beautiful last week. Now they are loosing their petals. The Judas bushes next to the mud wall of our yard are now coming out. I have transplanted the cannas, the Yakima iris, and the ten glads that I dug up for the winter.

Mar. 25. Yours of Feb. 20th just arrived. You tell for the first time of receiving my second and third kodachrome movie films, and that they were well exposed. So I will now feel free to go ahead and send more. I just received the three Guild films, so I am now well loaded with amunition. The old man I was talking to in that Xmas movie was Old Wang Carpenter, the second brother. He is 70 years old and still puttering around doing small jobs for me, as putting on locks, making shelves, etc., is enjoying life and feeling still useful, and getting the same wages as all the rest of the younger workmen. Kwan Dao's last baby was born in the hospital. My films are 8 mm, but I see you don't know that 8 mm films are a 11 on 16 mm film, which is run thru both ways, and then the company splits it in the development.

Love, Dong.

Hofei, Anhwei, China, Mar. 25, 1947.

Dear Mae,

You're going to faint when you get this letter, for I am answering yours that arrived just this afternoon.

It is very humbling to receive a nice letter from such a fine sister who starts doting over how proud she is of her missionary brother. The humbling part is that I know how unworthy I am of your pride; and I know that distance lends enchantment; and besides you're prejudiced. I'm the same old selfish, teasing brother that used to be the bane of your life.

I did go thru a lot of misery last summer. But I guess I had it coming to me. I was getting much too cocky. I thought I could do anything, and perhaps without asking as much help from the Lord as I required. I had had a successful practice and made big money. I subconsciously thought that it was my doing and not a gift from God. I had such big plans for what "I" was going to do when I got back to China. I was having a good time and taking much too much credit for myself, and giving too little to the Lord. So He just had to knock it out of me. And I got my awakening last summer. I thought I was licked at one time and would have to give up and return to Yakima in disgrace. But then I got down and said, "Lord I have been doing too much what I wanted to do and asking you to fit into my plans. From now on it's your plans for me. Show me how I can help." Then things started to iron out. Pray that I may not get too cocky again.

You are in the proper work for you. I can tell by everything you say in your letter that you are having the time of your life, and have the knowledge that you are making your time count for something in the Master's work. I am so happy for you. It was just what I had picked out for you, even before it was offered to you. So that I guessed it right off when it came, and Marg asked me to guess what offer had been made to you. Fine opportunities are coming to you; but you are worthy of them. However, don't let a remark like that make you too cocky. Keep the humble touch. It is more important when you are dealing with young people than even with their elders.

I am working on our hospital tennis court today. It will be ready for first play by day after tomorrow. I was in Shanghai last week on hospital business, my first time out of Hofei for 10 months, and while there I bought four tennis rackets, a net, and six balls. Spring is here and I am going to start getting some much needed exercise.

Things are going along quite smoothly with the hospital work. I have all the work I care to do, the income from fees is satisfactory, and I have enough interest in my work to keep me happy and feeling that I am worth my salt. I have a nice staff of my own students, all Christians, and all taking their turn in leading the morning prayers in my living room. Every Thursday evening we have for Staff Council meeting and prepare some recent medical subject for them then. Now we are studying Endocrinology. I had some good work in this in New York City, and am passing it on to them.

The thing I miss most is Grace and the family. One of the next things is that I miss the fun of flying. I long to get up in a little Piper Cruiser again and commune with my maker, like a bird, up in His blue sky alone. I sure did have fun flying in Yakima. Probably the most fun I ever had in any hobby. Flying, civilian flying, is out of the question in China for some time to come. The Chinese officials have queer ideas about flying, radio receivers and senders, cameras, etc. just like the Japanese. They are suspicious of all foreigners doing these things. Even suspicious of Chinese civilians doing it. Perhaps this is because they are having so much civil war and they suspect themselves, each other of being spies or communists. So China is far from the point for making facilities available to civilians for flying or anything else.

The Chinese officials have adopted many of the aggravating rules that were introduced by the Japanese military. Every Civilian, Chinese and Foreign, must now have a pass to travel from one city to the other. We must always have our pass with our picture on it where ever we go. Poor China. She surely needs Christianity. Well that's why we are out here.

Last week we opened our hospital kitchen for patient and staff food for the first time. I am eating it every noon. It is good; and a fine change from the monotonous foreign style food we have been having in very limited variety.

Love,

Doug.

Mar. 28th, 1947.

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LUCHOWFU CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL

HOFEI, ANHWEI, CHINA.

Dear Grace,

I'm having fun making "Milestones". Just passed another. The first sets of tennis played in Hofei since Pearl Harbor. The hospital tennis court is finished and in fair condition. Now tell me why it takes an American to do these things, when the Chinese like to play so well. I'm leaving a few "Milestones" for you to pass. You have to put up the first curtains in our house and hospital.

I am still having trouble over my "Starvation Subsistence Allowance". I asked that my allowance be not less than \$300,000 per month, now that the single missionaries are receiving 1,000,000 and over, and they decided it couldn't be allowed. I said if some satisfactory arrangement was not made by April I'd be forced to eat off of the Hospital kitchen free as I'd have to reserve the rest of my trailer sale money to pay my cook and gardener. When you get here and we get our full salary at this exchange there will be no difficulty. The others see no difficulty for they are all out here and getting full allowance with no salary deductions due to separations. I am the last one to be alone.

Marx is very blue over the prospects for proper support of the China work. He says it is being said that the China work is going to bankrupt the Foreign Department. And still they need to and are planning on sending out more young missionaries. Wenona, Lyrel and I say that we should send these young folks out soon, get them established and then ship we oldsters back home. For the Mission Society can not finance the work out here with even the folks we now have. That is according to Marx. So you and Goulter and Grace Young and others need to face these possibilities on coming out. Don't burn all of your bridges behind you. Your going to need them within five years or less.

What are we going to do about Ruth's expenses for travel to China this time. The Mission won't pay them. Better get into conference with E.K. about this at once, if you haven't already done so. We certainly can't pay them now, ourselves. Maybe you'll have to stay home on this account until the rest of us get bundled off home. If so, I'm resigning in about another year.

I just received the money from Marx drawing eight drafts on the Corpron P. Fund for \$500 and the Rotary Fund for \$300. I got over CN\$9,000,000 for it. We will make a monthly report to Yakima Rotary on our expenditures, and work.
Mar. 29th. It never rains but what it pours. I find everything coming in on me at once. Today while Mr. Chang and I were talking about the possibility of our 50-bed unit not coming now at all, a letter came saying that our unit had arrived in Shanghai and would be sent to Wuhr right away. Within a half hour of this good news 3 trucks of drugs and supplies came to town from CNRRA at Wuhr. So now we are all set to do something. In this present shipment there are two autoclaves (steam sterilizers-), 38,000 suplathiazole tabs. and we are nearly out. I can stop using my newspapers for toilet paper for there are 60 rolls in this lot. There are 100,000 atebirin tabs for malaria; 450 1lb cans of ether, 420 pairs of surgeons rubber gloves; 300 tubes of chronic cat gut; 10 cases of normal saline for I.V. injections, 5 cases of 5% dextrose sol for I.V., 20,000 sulfaguanadine tabs.; 100 yds. of rubber sheeting; a Navy standard Blood Bank outfit; 3 cases of Plaster of Paris; 100 pkgs. sulfa crystals; 60 bath towels; 26 bolts of gauze 100yds per bolt; just to mention a few of the larger items. There are 24 white enamel bed pans, our hospital never had enamel bed pans before. *from all our mail is full of things*

Now all we lack is a Living Allowance for our hospital SUPERINTENDANT. It seems to me that the Bible says not to "muzzle the ox that treads out the meal" or something to that effect. Starving the Superintendent, the goose that lays the golden egg, is the same as muzzling the ox. But don't get excited about this; I'm not. It's just a huge joke to me. I'll just have the hospital kitchen feed me free for my services, and put my gardener and cook onto the hospital pay roll if need be. It is just interesting to see what red tape will do.

Here is the latest on the Goe School. Still no word from E.K. about any money for repairs of reopening the school this fall, but still she is supposed to open it. Activity on getting ready is long past due. Today a meeting of a group of the School's alumnae

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got finished. Already there are patients occupying them. They have their own charcoal Bo Puns, which help to dry the wet plaster walls and keep the rooms from being altogether too damp for health.

Feb. 22nd Washington's Birthday. Three days to yours. I just heard a beautiful solo, "Beautiful Dreamer" by Hollis Shaw over my radio. I can't send a telegram from Hofei to you for your birthday; so will try from ~~Hofei~~ Wuhu when I get there.

I am planning on sending you parts of some of the Shanghai Evening Posts of recent days to give you a picture of the chaotic condition that the money is in just now. I have no idea at this moment how to advise you or anyone else what to do about bringing money to China when you come. US greenbacks??? American Express Checks??? Letters of Credit??? Or just Your Checkbook and Sight Draft Book??? Or if really anything will do. No one knows just what is going to happen to the US dollar; whether it is to be outlawed, or what? Your guess there is as good as anyone's out here at this time. WHAT A MESS YOU ARE VOLUNTARILY RUNNING INTO!!! Leaving your nice Corpron Hillside Addition for a Communist Rumor-filled Hofei home.

The Communists are too close to us now to be comfortable; so that now that I am going down to Wuhu to get my hospital 5 tons of freight, Wenona, Lyrel and I first sit down and talk out what they are to do with this and that if they have to sneak out in my absence. We have decided turn all cash over to our Chinese workers for their personal use, if need be, to keep it out of the hands of the Communists. But again they may be doing our Chinese Christian friends a disservice; for the Communists take from those who have, except from themselves, who then have.

"THIS IS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, KCBF, BROADCASTING ON THE 31 METER BAND" is just coming in over my radio. But this is not "THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" but the DISUNITED PROVINCES OF CHINA. I don't get up for the 7 AM news from New York, VIA the Los Angeles short wave station, for I can hear it at 8 AM. So I get up at 7:15, shave, eat breakfast in my bathroom, and listen to the news, just before going downstairs to our staff chapel, which is held in our diningroom at 8:15 AM. The Chinese staff mostly come in at 8 and listen to the news from Nanking over Sonny's little portable radio. Either Li Ing-Mae or I play our little organ with one finger or the right hand only. She is studying lab. work, so is now on the staff. Why don't you try getting the same news broadcast on your radio daily. THE VOICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 1545 MC in the 29 Meter band on your radio, at 4 PM Yakima time. From 5 PM to midnight Hofei time (1 AM to 8 AM Yakima time) I get the VOICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA over KRHD, Honolulu, 9.65 MC in the 31 Meter Band. That is what I am bringing in now; 10 PM here. If you are up at 6 AM try this. I will be listening here, 10 PM of the same day you are listening.

Mr. Engelsby, in charge of the Yakima Northwest Airlines Air Port, ordered some spare tubes for my Hallicrafter. You should get these from him and bring them with you when you come. Also ten more generators for my gasoline lantern. Also another set of batteries for Wenona's radio, 2 B batteries of 45 volts each and 2 A batteries of 6 volts each. The B's you sent are too large to go into her set, so have to stand on the table back of the radio, which makes it awkward to move the set about. Otherwise they work OK. But if you could get smaller, flatter ones next time it would be an improvement. But get them fresh just before coming. The A's were just right; the same as in the set.

I am paying half of Kwan Don's kids' tuition in school. I just gave him \$70,000 for my half for this next semester.

I will write to you from Wuhu.

Love,

Doug

5469 So. Kenwood Ave., Chicago 15, Ill.

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Dear Friend:-

As son and daughter-in-law of Doctors Emma and Francis F. Tucker, we write to suggest that perhaps you may care to mail us, to the above address, a congratulatory note or letter in connection with their Golden Wedding, which is to be observed June 29th next. They plan to celebrate the event here in Chicago, and we trust there will be quite a folio of letters to hand them on this occasion. We write early as mails are likely to be slow. The three sons, three daughters-in-law, and four grandchildren probably will be present, but sister Margaret is in the midst of her medical work in the West China Union University.

Thirty nine of the fifty years our parents spent in China, following five years of medical studies. Much of the last six years have been given to home mission medical work in the mountains of Kentucky. While they have now retired to Daytona Beach, Florida, this next summer they will again be in medical work in Kentucky for a time before coming here. We feel sure they will much appreciate a message from you, if you care to send one. It may be directed to us here in Chicago.

With cordial appreciation,

Sincerely,

Emma S. Tucker
Francis C. Tucker

Our parents request that no presents be made. These are times when your mission and other work in hand call for all possible assistance. If convenient, writing on paper the approximate size of this page will result in your message fitting best into the "Golden Book of Te".